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FINDING OF A DIARY
ON SUB REPORTEDA Soviet Officer Apparently
Kept Journal of Training
in Nuclear Capability

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LOS ANGELES, April 7—The Central Intelligence Agency obtained a young Soviet naval officer's journal in the partial recovery of a Soviet submarine's wreckage last year, The Los Angeles Times reported today.

Saying that it relied on "an independent source possessing an intimate knowledge" of the attempt to recover the submarine, the newspaper reported that the crew of the Glomar Explorer "recovered the young officer's body, curled as if asleep in his bunk and so well preserved that intelligence agents were able to establish his identity."

the young officer was being taught the nuclear capabilities of the submarine and his journal reported what he had been taught, the newspaper said.

The submarine sank in 1968 northwest of Honolulu. The recovery of a part of the vessel occurred last July. The news account also stated that two nuclear-tipped torpedoes had been brought up. The entire sub was raised about 5,000 feet from the ocean floor before the wreckage cracked and two-thirds fell back into water 17,000 feet deep, The Times said.

The paper quoted its source as saying a virtually intact nuclear-tipped missile had tumbled back into the depths.

C.I.A. Remains Silent

The C.I.A. has refused to explain details of its financial arrangement with Howard Hughes, whose Summa Corporation has been identified as the owner of the Glomar Explorer.

The corporation had referred the vessel publicly as a deep-sea mining ship. That cover story was broken last month when the C.I.A. admitted that it had the ship, and a big barge, built specially to attempt to recover the Soviet submarine. It is unclear who owns the barge and the ship.

In a separate article, the newspaper reported that "two-fisted drinkers and oil rough-necks" from across the South had been recruited for the work. They were trained in special classes held in a building on a dock at Redwood City, Calif., where the big barge was fitted out with a claw that was used to raise the sunken submarine.

The special crew was made up of "men who wore their patriotism on their sleeves," said the account.

"The man the C.I.A. wanted didn't have extreme intelligence or book learning, but he did have a great sense of loyalty to his country and his family," the paper reported.

Deep clearance investigations were conducted, the paper said, and the men were told to expect this because they were told they were working for Mr. Hughes, who "is a strange man and not to be alarmed if someone came into their neighborhood and asked about them."

The paper quoted an unnamed source as saying:

"Nobody was hired who had ever belonged to a union because we didn't want union trouble. Sometimes we advertised for specialized experts,

but most all the men came because they had heard about the job by word of mouth. In fact I heard 95 per cent of the men who called in were not hired.

"No Jews were hired because of some possible involvement with Israel. No one from the Scripps Institute [of oceanographic research] because it had been involved in some kind of Government work"